around zoo facilitates this process. Battery operated trolleys are available to facilitate children and infirm people to go around the park. For supply of drinking water several water taps have been provided. Water coolers have also been fixed at four places. Ministry of Environment And Forests does not encourage eating houses and cafeterias inside the zoo because of the fact that in past there have been deaths of animals due to consumption of half eaten food in polythene bags. However, one cafeteria has been allowed inside the zoo. Also, apart from a Zoo Canteen, there are several cold drinks and tea shops outside the gate of the zoo. Trained guides are available in the zoo to take the visitors around.

Project Elephant Reserves

345. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) How many Project Elephant Reserves have been set up in Orissa and elsewhere in the country giving the details separately;

(b) the number of Project Elephant Reserves proposed to be set up in 2002-2003, alongwith their locations; and

(c) the amount sanctioned to Orissa for Elephant Project during the last five years and the amount released and unspent?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Nine Elephant Reserves have so far been notified by the State Governments. Of these, two are in Orissa, *viz.* Mayurbhanj and Sambalpur. The remaining seven Elephant Reserves are: Singhbhum (Jharkhand), Garo Hills (Meghalaya), Kameng (Arunachal Pradesh) and Wayanaad, Nilambur, Anamudi and Periyar (Kerala).

(b) State Governments have been advised to set up the following Elephant Reserves during 2002-2003; Andhra Pradesh-1, Arunachal Pradesh-1, Assam-4, Karnataka-1, Nagaland-1, Orissa-1, Tamil Nadu-4, Uttranchal-1, and West Bengal-2.

(c) The Central Assistance released under Project Elephant and unspent balance with the State Government during the last 5 financial years is as follows:

AMOUNT (Rs. in lakh)

YEAR	RELEASED	UNSPENT
1997-98	48.40	32.35
1998-99	Nil	16.91 (balance from 1997-98)
1999-00	25.00	21.36
2000-01	29.75	0.97
2001-02	102.03	5.658

Allocation for wildlife management

346. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the forest cover in different States of the country, State-wise, as per the latest satellite imagery reports, and the ratio of forest cover thereof;

(b) what has been the quantum of fiscal allocation to the different States during last three financial years for wildlife management, fire protection, demarcation, fuel and fodder scheme, eco-development, Tenth and Eleventh Finance Commissions, NTFP and Bio-diversity, construction, etc. and the year-wise ratio of financial allocation therefor; and

(c) whether the financial allocation to Madhya Pradesh commensurate with the ratio of forest cover of the State?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Forest Survey of India is assessing forest cover of the country biennially since 1987 using satellite data. State-wise details of the forest cover as per the latest assessment made in 1999 are given in Statement I (*See* below).

(b) The year-wise amount released to various States and its percentage to total release under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Ministry for Wildlife Management, Forest fire control and management, demarcation, bio-diversity conservation and afforestation is given in Statement-II (*See* below).